Communussiouing of Gas-based Power Projects

900. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minisier pf ENERGY be pleased h> state:

(a) whether the generation of power from each of the first units of the three gas-based power projects in Anta (Rajasthan), Kawas (Gujarat) and Auraiya (Uttar Pradesh) has kept up with the original plan, if not. what are the reasans therefor; it ad

(b) what remedial steps are contemplated to correct the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b). The first units of the three gas-based power projects are scheduled to be commissioned in 24 months from the date of placement of order for main plant and equipment. The remaining units would, thereafter, be commissioned, at intervals of two months each. The first units of the steam turbines are scheduled for commissioning 36 months after placement of order and subsequent tinits at intervals of four months each thereafter.

The projects are expected to be completed as per schedule.

Sagar Pragati jack up rig

901. SHRI SHANKER SINH VApHE-LA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 197 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) the name of the Company from which the rig 'Sagar Pragati' was purchased and what was the date of expiry of the guarantee;

(b) whether it is a fact that ONGC could have purchased two similar jack up J off-shore drilling rigs with the total foreign exchange spent both on the repair of the rig as well as on the hire charges of a j similar rig;

(c) the total amount paid to officials of ONGC and the crew members of the rig on visits to Dubai for inspection and scrutiny of tenders; and

(d) whether Government propose to institute an enquiry and fix responsibility ?

THE MINISTER OE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The rig 'Sagar Pragati' was purchased by ONGC from CFEM, France. It was delivered to ONGC in October, 1981. The warranty period of the rig was for one year after its purchase.

(b) No, Sir. It was considered more economical to get the damaged rig repaired than to purchase a new one as the repair charges could be claimed against insurance.

(c) 'u S $ 0. 383 Million approximately.

(d) The reasons for development of cracks in the legs of the rig have already been got investigated through M/s. Noble Denton Associates. These cracks resulted from fatigue mechanism caused by cyclic and static stressing which could not be foreseen at the time the unit was delivered and put to use.

Discontinuance of subsidy given to industries in "No Industry Districts"

902. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discontinue the subsidy given to the industries set up in the "No industry districts";

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for discontinuing the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to launch a new scheme to attract entrepreneurs to set up industries in rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing Central Investment Subsidy Scheme covers the rural areas of Centrally declared industrially backward districts.

Increase in the prices of soft drinks

903. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of different varieties of soft drinks during the last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the current financial year the prices of soft drinks have increased;

(c) if so, the range of the price increase and the reasons for the same; and

(d) what steps are being taken to control the prices of soft drinks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The retail price per bottle of soft drink at Delhi was around Rs. 2. 00 last year.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The price increase was around 50 paise per bottle in Delhi. The manufacturers have attributed the increase in prices to the increase in excise duty and higher input costs.

(d) There is no statutory control on the prices of soft drinks. Soft drink industry is one of the industries coveted by de-licensing scheme introduced by the Government in March, 1985 and it is anticipated that with the possible creation of additional capacity, normal market forces will operate to the advantage of the consumer.

एच. एम. टी. घड़ियां

904. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय** : क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एच. एम. टी. घड़ियों की मांग की तुलना में उनका उत्पादन कम या अधिक है; और

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान घड़ियों की मांग तथा उत्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है और एच. एम. टी घड़ियों के उत्पादन के संबंध में सरकार की नीति क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरुणाचलम) : (क) एच. एम. टी. की घड़ियों का उत्पादन घड़ियों की अनुमानित मांग से कम है ।

(ख) एच. एम. टी. के अनुमानों के अनुसार इनकी घड़ियों की मांग पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान 11 से 13 मिलियन घड़ियां प्रतिवर्ष थी ।

एच. एम. टी. घड़ियों का पिछले तीन वर्षों का उत्पादन निम्नलिखित है

	(संख्या लाख में)
1984-85	44·10
1985-86	45·34
1986-87	50·00

एच. एम. टी. घड़ियों का उत्पादन 1988-89 तक 61·8 लाख घड़ियां प्रतिवर्ष तक बढ़ाने की योजना है ।

राजस्थान की ऊर्जा आवश्यकता

905. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार** : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष सूखे के परिणामस्वरूप राजस्थान की ऊर्जा आवश्यकता की मांग को सरकार द्वारा ऊर्जा के किन-किन वैकल्पिक साधनों से पूरा किए जाने का विचार है;

(ख) इस संबंध में राजस्थान की वर्तमान आवश्यकता कितनी है और वहां ऊर्जा की आवश्यकता और पूर्ति में कितना अन्तर है; और

(ग) कृषि क्षेत्र, औद्योगिक क्षेत्र और निजी क्षेत्र को अलग-अलग कितने प्रतिशत ऊर्जा कटौती का वहन करना पड़ेगा ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी) : (क) इस वर्ष सूखे की स्थिति के कारण राजस्थान की ऊर्जा की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए राज्य सरकार से विभिन्न उपाय करने का